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THE WEATHER TO-DAY—Fair.

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SWIFT AND HIGH AS A BIRD, SHIP FLIES TO DOVER

Dropping Suddenly Out of
Clouds, Calm Frenchman
Thrills England.

TOWN, CAUGHT NAPPING, WENT SUDDENLY WILD

Curio Hunters Try to Pull Mono-
plane to Pieces and Municipal
Authorities, With Quick Busi-
ness Eye, Build Tent and
Charge Sixpence a
Look.

DOVER, July 25.—This sleepy seaport town experienced the keenest thrill it has known in a generation, when at sunrise this morning a white-winged, bird-like machine, with loudly humming motor, swept out from the haze obscuring the sea toward the distant French coast, and, circling twice above the high, chalky cliffs of Dover, alighted on English soil.

A calm Frenchman, Bleriot, a portly and red-mustached man of thirty-seven, descended from the saddle, alighting on a handkerchief, which had been burned on his previous overland flight. Immediately two compatriots, who had been waving a big French flag as a signal for the landing place, fell upon him enthusiastically, embracing him, shouting and pounding him on the back. They, with a few English soldiers and others, who happened by chance to be on the scene, were the only persons to witness the finish of a most remarkable feat.

Went at Great Speed.
Bleriot left Les Baraques, France, three miles from Calais, about 4:30 A. M., on one of the smallest monoplane ever used. He crossed the Channel in a little less than half an hour, twice as swiftly as the fastest mail steamer.

His speed averaged more than forty-five miles an hour—sometimes it approached a hundred miles. He kept about 250 feet above the sea level, and for ten minutes, while about mid-Channel, was out of sight of both coasts, and also of the French destroyer which followed him, with his wife and friends aboard.

The wind was blowing about twenty miles an hour, and the sea was choppy. The aviator was swathed in a single garment of drilling, impervious to the wind, which covered him from the top of his head to his feet, only his face showing. He wore also a cork life belt.

At Landing.
An eyewitness of the landing thus describes it:

"Very early in the morning a wireless message was received from Calais that Bleriot intended to make the flight. Then in quick succession came the news that he had left and was fast making his way toward Dover. Hastening to the cliff, I arrived there just a moment before the airship, which was flying fast, like a gigantic hawk. Bleriot swooped overhead, glancing from right to left, and then turned his machine to the east and came to the ground in the meadow. It alighted with a crash, and I was circled with a whirl of propellers, and made the landing gracefully, but even though it touched the land lightly it was slightly damaged."

By his achievement this morning Bleriot won the prize of \$5,000 offered by the London Daily Mail for the first flight across the English Channel, and stole a march on his rivals, Hubert Latham and Count De Lambert, both of whom had hoped to make the attempt to-day.

Aviator's Own Account.
Bleriot, who speaks a little English, described his remarkable flight very modestly.

"I arose at 3 o'clock," he said, "and went to the aerodrome shed. Finding everything in order on the trial trip, I decided to make the flight. The French torpedo-boat destroyer, which was in attendance, was signaled, and it put out about four miles. Then I arose and pointed direct for Dover. After ten minutes I was out of sight of land, and had left the warship well behind. For a few minutes I could not see either coast, nor any boat. I tried to keep an average height of 250 feet. I might easily have gone higher. This was about the right height, I thought, to clear the Dover cliffs safely."

The machine dipped toward the water several times. The first objects I saw were ships off the English coast, then I observed Deal. I veered to the southward toward Dover Castle, and then saw friends flourishing a flag in a valley suitable for landing. I made two circles while lessening the speed, and then I descended. I came in contact with the ground sooner than I expected. Both the machine and myself were badly shaken. A few persons quickly assembled, and I was helped out of the machine. I was very painful. I am exceedingly glad to be here."

Caught Old Dover Napping.
M. Bleriot's friends took him quickly in an automobile to the old Lord Warden Hotel, by the pier from which mail boats depart. They arrived on the pier, and he was seated at breakfast, the center of a proud gathering of French people. The Mayor and other Dover officials called early and welcomed M. Bleriot in the name of the city and the nation, as the pioneer of international flight.

The townspeople of Dover, who for three weeks have been on the alert for the signal announcing that one of the flying men had started, were caught napping. A gale was blowing last night, and the weather forecasters pronounced a strong wind and squalls in the morning. Hence, the operators of the aërons on the steamers, which it had been arranged should be blown when the flyer started, were absent from

MRS. DANDRIDGE DEAD

Former Mistress of White House Passes

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
WINCHESTER, Va., July 25.—After an illness of several weeks, Mrs. Elizabeth Taylor Dandridge, daughter of President Zachary Taylor, died this evening at her home here, in the eighty-sixth year of her age.

Until a month ago Mrs. Dandridge enjoyed remarkably good health. She became unconscious late this afternoon and passed away in a few moments. Mrs. Dandridge was born near Louisville, Ky., on April 29, 1824, and was the last member of her immediate family. During the Mexican War she was married to Colonel William Wallace Dandridge, her first husband, in Texas, and when General Taylor became President she took the place of her invalid mother as mistress of the White House. A widow of over thirty years, she was the wife of her husband, Colonel Dandridge, who died in 1881. She was a sister of Jefferson Davis, first wife of the late President of the Confederate States.

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FLOCK TO SEE KING

Thousands Gather Around Little Church to Greet English Ruler.

SILSOE, ENG., July 25.—The royal standard floats over Ambassador Reid's residence at West Park, and the precincts there were the center of attraction to-day for the country people who came from miles around.

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The afternoon was showery and the ambassador had several of the local gentry in to tea with the King.

SHOOT MUSICAL HUSBAND

Woman, Tired of Hearing Graphophone, Fired Gun to Stop It.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
NEWPORT NEWS, Va., July 25.—Because he insisted on playing the graphophone when she wanted to sleep, Mrs. Josephine K. Elwick, wife of a local baker, shot her husband twice to-day.

The first attack occurred this morning. Mrs. Elwick asked her husband to stop playing the machine, and when he refused, she shot him in the right arm with a 22-caliber rifle. Physicians were called to attend to the wound. Again this afternoon Elwick started the music-box. Angered because he would not desist, Mrs. Elwick gave way. She fired a revolver, and shot her husband in the right leg. This time the injured man was taken to the St. Francis Hospital, where the bullet was extracted. Mrs. Elwick was arrested to-night, and was locked up on the charge of felonious shooting. She seems prostrate with grief, and her condition is serious. Elwick will recover.

CHASED UMPIRE TWO MILES

Grandstand Railing Gives Way and Rooters Dive to Ground.

JACKSON, Mich., July 25.—During a riot over unpopular decisions by Umpire C. E. Eldridge of the Southern Michigan League, at the conclusion of the Jackson-Adrian game here to-day, nearly a score of people were injured when the railing of the grandstand gave way, precipitating them to the ground. Twelve fell below.

The Jackson team lost the game. At the conclusion of the game, the crowd in the grandstand flocked to the front of the structure and pressed too heavily against the railing. Many were injured, and several were killed. The crowd was dispersed by the police.

FOUND FATHER DYING

Bassett, With Bullet-Hole in Head, Discovered by Little Son.

TULSA, Okla., July 25.—With a 32-caliber pistol lying on the floor beside him, Mark Bassett, editor of the Tulsa Daily World, was found by his young son, Joseph, this morning. The father was lying on his back, with a bullet hole in his head. He was found by his young son, Joseph, who was playing in the yard. The father was found by his young son, Joseph, who was playing in the yard.

GIVES WINNINGS TO POOR

G. K. Billings Devotes Prize Taken by Horace to Charity.

BERLIN, July 25.—G. K. Billings, of New York, has presented all the winnings of his trotters during their stay in Germany to the poor of Berlin. He has also given his mare Delight to the Trotting Club. It is believed the animal will eventually be found in the royal stables.

Memorial Services for Mrs. Hayes

COLORADO SPRINGS, COL., July 25.—Memorial services were held to-day in honor of Mrs. J. Addison Hayes, daughter of President John Tyler.

RALEIGH RECTOR ATTACKS ELIOT

Denounces Assault on Christian Religion and Calls on Church to Protest.

BLAMES NEW CANON OPENING PULPITS

Condition Which Permits Man of Such Evident Unbelief as President Emeritus of Harvard to Speak from Chancel Is Deplorable, Dr. Pittenger Declares.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
ALEIGH, N. C., July 25.—During the morning service in the Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd to-day, the Rev. J. McK. Pittenger, D. D., rector of the parish, commented on the recent prophecy of a so-called "new religion" by Dr. Charles W. Eliot, president emeritus of Harvard University, declaring that the pronouncement from so eminent a source had astounded the Christian world and that it called for a vigorous protest from all church people.

Fault of New Canon.

Dr. Pittenger regreted that Eliot's statement as the worst attack on the Christian religion that has been made in a century. It was an especial source of humiliation and sorrow to him, he said, that this "heresy" should have been pronounced under the auspices of the theological school of the Episcopal Church. The Christian religion would continue to grow and work out its saving influences in the world in spite of such attacks from "high places," he declared, and there was no notable good that he saw in the attack.

Waves Ran Mountain High.

The waves ran mountain high, and for an hour the crew struggled, holding to the masts when the decks were awash.

Passenger Packet Sinks.

GALLIPOLI, OHIO, July 25.—The passenger packet Tacoma, bound from Charleston, W. Va., to Cincinnati, struck an obstruction in the Ohio River and sank late to-day. The passengers were taken off in safety.

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Ward Line Steamer in Flames.

NEW YORK, July 25.—A wireless fire alarm, sounded from the steamer Vigilance, of the Ward Line, about seven hours after she had docked in Brooklyn to-day, brought fireboats from Manhattan to fight a blaze in her cargo of hemp, sisal, mahogany and cedar, which she had brought from Nassau, N. P.

FINES HIMSELF

Magistrate Williams, of Vancouver, Says He Broke the Auto Speed Law.

VANCOUVER, B. C., July 25.—Adolphus Williams, police magistrate, admitted his own case in the Police Court here yesterday and fined himself \$5 and costs for speeding his automobile. He had just disposed of two cases of speeding, when his own name was called.

LAWMAKERS GET A SHOCK

Cannon Betts 50 Congress Will Be in Session August 25.

WASHINGTON, D. C., July 25.—Tired and weary law makers who have been seeking consolation in the thought that the final adjournment of Congress is not more than one week off, received a rude shock yesterday when they heard with dismay that no later than yesterday afternoon Speaker Cannon made a bet with Ex-Representative Watson, of Nebraska, that Congress would be in session on August 15. The bet was for \$10, and the Speaker did not ask odds.

This news of the bet sent a shiver of despair among those who have been hoping that the tariff question is now in the last stages of settlement. Representative Champ Clark, the minority leader, who is going on the Chautauque circuit this summer, said he was passing the tariff bill has cost him \$6,000 in canceled Chautauque engagements. The speaker bet that he would be in session on August 15.

WRY FACES LEAD TO THREAT

Boy Turned Black-Header Against Offending Children.

WILKESBARRE, Pa., July 25.—Fifteen-year-old William Diorio, confessed yesterday to Mayor Kniffen that he had sent the Black Hand letter demanding \$250 to Mrs. John Tucker, of this city, and threatened to kill her son, John, if the money was not paid as directed. He was caught with a decoy letter, being arrested in the act of mailing it.

PRINCESS DECAPITATED

Ghostly Work of a Discharged House-keeper in Russia.

ST. PETERSBURG, July 25.—News has been received here of the murder of the young Princess Alexandra Mecklenburgskaya at her father's estate in Smolensk province. The housekeeper, who was charged with the deed, was decapitated by the fourteen-year-old girl with an axe.

DOG ATTACKS CHILD

Little Boy in Monterey Badly Injured by Vicious Animal.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
MONTEREY, CALIF., July 25.—Mandell, the ten-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Simmons, was bitten by a dog while standing on the sidewalk on South Spruce Street yesterday. Both arms and legs are injured, one arm being badly torn.

STOPPED EATING TO SHOOT

Negro Boy Fired at Stepfather and Killed His Mother.

MACON, GA., July 25.—While seated at the dinner table to-day, Adolphus Daniel shot and killed his mother, Rachel Broughton, and fatally wounded his stepfather, Major Broughton. All are colored.

CAN CATCH AEROGRAMS

Pennsylvania Electrician Able to Read News in the Air.

ALLENTOWN, Pa., July 25.—William Holliday, of Rittersville, an electrician, has brought out an invention of wireless telegraphy on which he has been working for two years. He has succeeded in perfecting his invention to the extent that he can detect aerograms that may be transmitted 1,000 miles from Allentown.

HURLED INTO SEA, THEN HURLED BACK

Gigantic Wave Carried Men Overboard, Another Set Them On Deck Again.

MANY SHIPS CAUGHT IN TERRIBLE STORM

Between Twelve and Twenty Vessels Missing and Believed to Have Been Wrecked. Packet Goes Down in Ohio River, but Passengers Are Saved.

PENSACOLA, FLA., July 25.—Six fishing damaged and her boats torn almost to shreds, the fishing schooner Minnie W., arrived in port to-night and reported the loss of three of her crew in the Gulf hurricane of Wednesday and the remarkable escape of two others. Thipses

Woman Physician Is Heroine of Wreck, Treating Twenty-Seven Suffering Travelers in Thirty Minutes—Forty-Two Injured in Derailment in Indiana.

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PASSENGER TRAIN JUMPS INTO RIVER

Engine and Five Coaches Are Submerged, Three Cars Staying on Track.

SIX PEOPLE KILLED AND FIFTY INJURED

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